



The Rotary International dedicates a safe place to play for the children of Paradijsweg

In keeping with the spirit of the 100-year anniversary of the International Rotary Club the Aruba Chapter dedicated the first installation of their centennial project on Monday afternoon. Joining the celebration was Rotary District Governor Senor Rafael Brazon and his wife Pina from Venezuela, and he had the honor of unveiling the dedicatory plaque at the end of the opening ceremony.

The Rotary Club Play Park that has been constructed on Paradijsweg consists of a safely fenced area to prevent children from running into the street, and aside from the play environment, will also contain a half basketball court, which they expect to be completed in September.

Project Coordinator Bert Kamsteeg explained that this is only one of four such projects that are being constructed in areas of the island where the Rotary Club feels they will do the most good. Before choosing the sites, the organizers did a study to decide on what were the areas with the greatest concentration of families with children that needed a play facility. They also chose Mabon, which has opened already, and an area in Parke Tira Koche plus another at the FCCA housing project in Bushiri, which will begin construction very soon. Mr. Kamsteeg reported the total cost for all four facilities is \$100,000. (U.S.) President of the Rotary, Mr. Leon Hamers and past president Koos Veel took part in the opening ceremony along with District Governor Brazon, but long before they actually pulled the curtain from the pedestal, the neighborhood children were already taking advantage of this new source of healthy activity.